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Arcata crime fighting goes into overdrive

Racial incidents alleged

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council this week could set in motion a rare event in Arcata history – creation of a cabinet-level committee to advise the City Council.

While the city boasts multiple citizen-led advisory committees, this one – focused on public safety and law enforcement – has the potential to tangibly affect daily life in Arcata, and for the better.

Triggering the grassroots push for a Public Safety Committee was an attack on a child as she walked to school last September. Citizens – some newly energized to community activism by the recent national election outcome – have sought to fuse the fragmented efforts of others all over town into a coordinated effort to enhance public safety.

A stepping stone on the way to a permanent committee is creation of an interim Public Safety Task Force. This body, composed of community stakeholders from all over town, would “enhance public safety in the community,” according to a staff report, and advise the council on creation of a permanent committee.

The staff recommendation is that the task force include nine to 11 members and last one year, with representation by residents from various parts of town, plus businesspeople, Humboldt State students, local school representatives and members of community organizations.

Police Chief Tom Chapman would serve as staff liaison. Financial impact is described in the staff report as minimal, estimated at \$1,350 in overtime and administrative support for the task force’s duration.

Crime online

The city is further catalyzing citizen awareness with purchase of a \$6,340 online

CRIME ❖ A2

Children’s crisis may worsen

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – Stubborn funding losses threaten to bloat Humboldt County’s ruinously high rates of childhood poverty and lifetime trauma.

That is the fear of state Senator Mike McGuire (D-2nd District, Healdsburg) who represents the North Coast.

Humboldt’s multigenerational health scourge, decades in the making, is about to collide with the accession in January of the entitlements-averse Trump Administration and the Republican-controlled

115th Congress.

“I don’t want to get political in this room,” McGuire told a packed Town Hall at the Aquatic Center in Eureka last week, “but the fact is that whether it is issues of health care, dental [care], education, transportation [or] environmental funding, it’s all at risk. And what I mean by ‘all at risk’ are existing social services programs “and amendments that could be coming down [from Washington] or changes in funding.”



Mike McGuire

McGuire said the state senate is so concerned about what is in store that his colleagues were scheduled to meet over the weekend to discuss strategy in response to the incoming Trump Administration and the GOP majority House and Senate.

Rep. Tom Price (R-Ga.), President-elect Donald Trump’s Cabinet pick to head the Department of Health and Human Services, is an arch-foe of Obamacare (the 2010 Affordable

CRISIS ❖ A4



UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER RUN



SUNDAY SILLIES Humboldt Educare’s Ugly Holiday Sweater Run drew hideously garbed but jolly runners to the Plaza Sunday. Above, Alex Lowe, Amber Gaffney and Craig Mitchell solemnly approach the finish line as James Washington keeps time. Above right, one of the more festive teams. Left, Judges Susan Ornelas, Harrison McDonald and Sofia Pereira. Right, more entrants. Race results appear at 6rrc.com/UglySweater16.pdf



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❖ ON THE HIGH SEAS

Timely start for crab fishermen

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – The North Coast’s Dungeness crab season has started, although rough seas and the nagging presence of domoic acid in the Fort Bragg area have limited fishing options.

After a mid-November opening in the San Francisco Bay central region, crabbing in the northern region began Dec. 1. It’s a welcome change from last year, when the northern opener was delayed to mid-May due to toxic algal blooms.

But the domoic acid toxin is still in the mix – a 70-mile segment of the north region, from the Salt Point area to the entrance of Humboldt Bay, remained closed due to some crab samples exceeding a safety threshold for the toxin.

The closed area was originally 120 miles, stretching from Point Reyes to Humboldt Bay, but

at press time, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife announced that a 50-mile segment from Point Reyes to Salt Point would be opened on Dec. 3.

The closures were called due to some crab samples exceeding a safety threshold for the toxin. According to a Dec. 1 fish and wildlife press release, “The closed portions of the coast may open once testing by state agencies shows that the area is safe with regard to domoic acid levels.”

Crabs are showing robust meat-to-shell ratios, however, and the high quality combined with the reduced fishing area and strong swells led Eureka crabbers to consider negotiating for higher prices from buyers.

The crab fleets in Trinidad and Crescent City didn’t support that strategy, however, and fishing

CRABS ❖ A4



DUNGENESS DELICACIES At Cap’n Zack’s Crab House in McKinleyville, employees Rucker Davis and Dewayne Dickey cook up freshly-caught Dungeness crab. Crabbing is a multi-million dollar industry in Humboldt County. In 2014, the harvest was valued at \$6.1 million. In 2013, an unusually bountiful year, the harvest valued was pegged at \$30.5 million

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❖ DOWNTOWN MCKINLEYVILLE

More talk on services hub

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – If the Board of Supervisors approves a lease agreement for a social services hub that may be built in downtown McKinleyville, the public will have at least five different meetings it can attend to learn more about the center’s programs and provide input.

Supervisors voted Nov. 8 to allow the Department of Health & Human Services to enter into lease negotiations with McKenny Inc. to build a 13,400-square-foot single-story building at 1615 Heartwood Dr., just west of Burger King. The vacant property was formerly used as an overflow lot for Opie’s Fine Cars.

The building would be occupied by the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, Cal Works/Welfare to Work, Child Welfare Services, Mental Health, Adult Protective Services, the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program and other programs offered by the Department of Health & Human Services.

After the county finalizes the lease agreement, it will be brought back before the Board of Supervisors for approval and the public will have an opportunity to comment on the project. No date has been set yet for considering the lease.

If the lease is approved, it will take McKenny Inc. about a year to complete the project. During this time, plans would be developed on how the various agencies would provide services at the center, according to Hillarie Beyer, executive director of the McKinleyville Family Resource Center.

During this period, Beyer will host five different public hearings to explain the center’s various programs and to receive public input. The dates of those meetings have yet to be determined.

The proposed center was met with controversy when the location was

announced. Some people in McKinleyville have complained that it will attract more homeless people to town and create a nuisance.

But at last week’s meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, only one person spoke in opposition to the center’s proposed location.

“I’m in favor of the center, but the location couldn’t be more wrong,” McKinleyville resident Jim Vance told the committee Nov. 30. “It’s going to change the whole environment in McKinleyville.”

Vance said the center would attract drug users, who would leave behind needles. He said it would also cause traffic problems.

Beyer said the goal of the center is to create a safe and welcoming environment. Users of the center wouldn’t be allowed to loiter, she said.

Another issue that was brought up is whether the center is compatible with the McKinleyville Community Plan, in particular the section that calls for the creation of a town center. The proposed building is within the town center zone.

According to committee chair Ben Shepherd, the county’s director of planning has said that a public facility like the center is compatible with the town center concept. The idea behind the town center idea is to include such public facilities in a pedestrian-friendly central area.

Resident Bonnie McGregor pointed out to the committee that although the McKinleyville Community Plan calls for the creation of a town center, an ordinance setting standards for the town center was never created.

Because McKinleyville is unincorporated, it doesn’t have an elected town board overseeing land use planning, McGregor said. The only way residents can have input when it comes to the town center is through the process of creating an ordinance, she said.



ALL MIXERED UP It was a fully spirited First Thursday Mixer at McKinleyville’s Holiday Inn Express last week, as business fused with sentiments of the season. Top left, O’Rourke Swinney and Pat Knittel. Above, Leah Crenshaw-Pepke, Malcom Campbell, Ginger Campbell and Sharon Ferrett. Left, Shoshanna Rose won a gift basket, one of many raffle prizes. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



Felon found guilty of having a gun

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT – On Dec. 1, a jury convicted 24-year-old Blaine Richard Martin of Trinidad of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of ammunition, charges stemming from a routine traffic stop in McKinleyville on March 24.

Martin was on felony probation for a 2015 conviction for possessing a firearm with the intent to commit a felony when stopped by a Humboldt County deputy sheriff. The deputy searched the vehicle as allowed by Martin’s conditions of probation. During the search, the deputy discovered a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and 20 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition in a plastic case on the front seat.

In addition to the jury’s findings of guilt,

the trial judge found Martin in violation of both his 2015 felony probation, as well as in violation of probation linked to a 2016 misdemeanor conviction for providing a place for the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance.

All matters have been referred to the Humboldt County Probation Department for pre-sentencing reports; sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 28.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of three years and eight months. He is currently in custody.

The case was investigated by the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Department and prosecuted by Deputy D.A. Brent Kling. Martin was represented by the Humboldt County Public Defender’s Office.

Crime | Alleged racial attack & accusations of discrimination

❖ FROM A1

crime mapping program. Citizen RIMS displays crime data, recent arrests, crime charts and daily bulletins which include information on calls for service.

The real-time online map, already used in Fortuna and other communities, enhances awareness of neighborhood conditions and could encourage better reporting of crimes. Police complain that many crimes go unreported, skewing allocation of resources.

If purchased and implemented, Citizen RIMS would offer a feast for data junkies, with a neighborhood twist. Among its features, as listed on the Sun Ridge Systems website, are live incident mapping, local incident history, crime mapping, arrests, crime charts, stolen vehicles, most wanted, missing persons alerts, warrants and more.

Alleged racial incidents

Police Chief Chapman this week confirmed a racial attack on a Humboldt State student which took place in September.

A young man had been showered with racial epithets, then attacked, suffering a broken jaw. Police Chief Chapman said Arcata Police are investigating the incident as a hate crime.

This week’s council Consent Calendar includes a civil complaint of the type a public safety group might discuss. It’s a referral to the city’s municipal insurer, but not the usual claim for pothole damage or tripping on a cracked sidewalk.

Filed by Eureka attorney Peter Martin, the claim alleges deliberate racial discrimination by the Arcata Police Department against Cedric Byron King II, an African American.

The claim describes a situation leading up to a May 5 child custody exchange near the police department in the parking lot east of City Hall. Such exchanges, often tense and confrontational, are commonly located where police can stand by and offer a calming presence.

According to the claim, the trouble began the day before, when King called Arcata Police about problems he was having arranging the exchange with the child’s mother, described as a Caucasian female.

At that time, Officer Luke Scown allegedly asked King, “Why are you being so hard on us?”

The next day, May 6, states the complaint, King had trouble getting the mother to answer his calls to arrange

the return of his son, and had to make repeated calls before she responded.

On King’s arrival that day for the child handoff, he was immediately arrested by Arcata Police officers for allegedly violating a restraining order by excessively calling the mother.

States Martin’s claim, “Officers Scown, Falkenstein and Christensen had no legitimate basis to arrest Claimant on or about May 6, 2016, and instead did so based on racial animus against Claimant and motivated by the intent to racially discriminate against him, to Claimant’s detriment and to the benefit of Ms. Russell, a Caucasian woman of the same race as Officers Scown, Falkenstein and Christensen.”

King was held one and a half hours and his car was impounded, according to the claim. Unable to pay release fees, King couldn’t use the car or get at his possessions inside, including a child safety seat.

Listed as injuries are lost wages, impoundment fees, bail fees and costs, reputation damage, embarrassment, annoyance, emotional distress and more.

Community Pride & Peace steps up

The downtown citizen group Community Pride & Peace is ratcheting up its efforts to reset the public safety climate in Arcata. On Jan. 22, it will hold a community-wide meeting at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata.

Among the items discussed will be the new public safety task force and possible committee.

The group, recently designated a nonprofit organization, will also attempt to enlist support for its five “solutions teams,” which specialize in media and outreach, safety and support, human services, environment and events.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	today, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/ council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings- agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting- schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/ Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_ Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	today, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldtgov.org/238/ McKinleyville-Municipal- Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city- government/city-council.html

❖ FORTUNA TRAGEDY

Hit & run case postponed again

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – The judge in Marci Kitchen’s vehicular manslaughter case has granted a defense motion for a second continuance, postponing the Fortuna woman’s preliminary hearing until March 20.

It had been set for Dec. 5.

Despite the state’s pro forma opposition, Superior Court Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs readily found “good cause” on Nov. 30 to grant the request. She found in favor of the defense’s need to evaluate a large amount of evidence in the alleged hit-and-run deaths last July of two 14-year olds, Kitchen’s daughter Kiya and her close friend Faith Lorraine Tsarnas.

The defendant was not present in court last week.

Some of the evidence is of a “very technical nature” requiring laboratory analysis and evaluation by outside experts, one of Kitchen’s lawyers, Eureka criminal defense attorney Benjamin Okin told the court. He said several conflicts in his own schedule necessitated the continuance until March 20.

Both the prosecution and the defense expect the preliminary hearing to run five days and involve 11 witnesses.

Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees, standing in for Deputy District Attorney Stacey Eads, who will prosecute the case, objected to the continuance, but voiced no arguments against it. He affirmed that the state had complied with Marsy’s Law, the California Victims’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008. It codifies the legal rights of crime victims and allows parole boards far greater leeway in denying convicts parole.

Kitchen, 39, is free on \$750,000 bail and has not appeared in court since her arraignment Sept. 15. She pleaded not guilty on multiple counts to striking the girls on July 12 with her 2015 light gray Jeep Wrangler. The girls were skateboarding together about 9:15 p.m. on Eel River Drive south of Kenmar Road on Fortuna’s outskirts.

California Highway Patrol investigators said the Jeep was southbound on Eel River Drive, proceeding at an undetermined speed. Kitchen allegedly fled the scene and headed eastbound on Drake Hill Road.

Count 1 accuses her of the gross vehicular manslaughter of both girls, plus “special allegations” under the same count of fleeing the scene and inflicting “great bodily harm” to Tsarnas.

Under Count 2, she is accused of drunken driving

causing injury “with [a] special allegation of great bodily injury” to her daughter Kiya.

According to law enforcement, the child suffered a brain injury that left her comatose and paralyzed when she died the next morning, July 13, in an Oakland hospital.

A second special allegation under Count 2 charges Kitchen with causing “great bodily injury or death” to Tsarnas, who was dead at the scene.

Following execution of a search warrant, Kitchen’s Jeep was recovered by detectives on July 13, in the fenced backyard behind a gate at Kitchen’s residence on Becker Lane in Fortuna, about a mile from where the hit-and-run occurred.

Initially, the California Highway Patrol named Kitchen’s reputed boyfriend, Joshua Wren Pearlston, a second “party of interest” wanted for questioning.

Later the highway patrol informed the press that “Ms. Kitchen and Mr. Pearlston were contacted at the scene of the collision the night that it occurred [July 12],” but has never explained why no arrest was made there and then.

Okin and the highway patrol were deadlocked for weeks over Kitchen’s and Pearlston’s whereabouts following the collision on July 12. The California Highway Patrol issued repeated public complaints that Kitchen had not “made herself available to investigators,” while Okin publicly insisted “our client remains willing to surrender herself to law enforcement immediately.” Eventually officers did interview Pearlston.

As Okin had promised all along, Kitchen did surrender at the District Attorney’s office on Sept. 14, more than a month after the fatal collision. She was arraigned the next day.

Fending off public complaints that the investigation was taking too long and that Kitchen should have been arrested promptly, the highway patrol asked for patience, saying the complexity of the case necessarily prolonged the inquiry.

The Humboldt County Sheriff’s office, not the CHP, announced that Kitchen had turned herself in.

The Tsarnas funeral July 16 at Hydesville Community Church and Kiya Kitchen’s memorial service July 31 at River Lodge in Fortuna drew hundreds of mourners grieving over the deaths of the two teen-age friends.



JOLLY FRIDAY Arcata Main Street’s Season of Wonder & Light kicked off Friday night with the Clauses arriving on an Old Town Carriage. Above, Hensel’s Ace Hardware elves offered warming drinks. Santa will be at Jacoby’s Storehouse weekends from 2 to 4 p.m. through Christmas.



YULETIDE WHEELS The United Bikers of Northern California launched their annual Toy Run from the Plaza Sunday morning. Above, Santa’s wheeled cousin, Biker Claus, with participants in the Ugly Holiday Sweater Run. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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❖ CHILDHOOD CRISIS

A calamity of historic proportions

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EUREKA - The roots of Humboldt County's child poverty and trauma crisis require a sustaining, integrated, community-wide response, local authorities say.

An ongoing social tragedy, the crisis is "the most significant issue and challenge we in education and this community have faced in a very long time," said Jon Sapper, assistant superintendent of the Humboldt County Office of Education.

"A single solution strategy will not work," he told a Town Hall meeting in Eureka last week in the Humboldt Aquatic Center Common Room, hosted by Sen. Mike McGuire (D-2nd District).

Sapper dug into the organic factors of Humboldt's economy, society and demography that have dramatically altered its makeup.

Nearly 30 years ago, in 1989, blue-collar jobs provided a living family wage, a roof over the head, sufficient food on the table and enough wherewithal to sustain family life, Sapper recalled.

No more. To prove his point, he zeroed in on the skyrocketing demand for school lunches. Back in 1989, one local school district in a community of 8,000 residents provided a free or reduced-price lunch to eight or nine percent of its students.

The number has soared to 82 percent in that one school, to 64 percent in the district and to 55 percent countywide.

Schools are microcosms of the community at large, Sapper reminded the audience, and all the opportunities and deficiencies in the community turn up in the classroom.

"The research is quite clear for children living in dysfunctional environments where abuse and neglect are present," the assistant superintendent said. "In addition to increased risk for serious health issues (addictions, intravenous drug use, attempted suicides, cancer/heart disease and strokes),

there is a relationship between children who are in these kinds of situations and major personality disorders later in life."

Sapper made plain the astronomical costs of childhood violence, neglect, trauma and parental drug abuse. These pathologies often lead to lifelong poverty and lifelong dependency on expensive social services.

"Children with multiple risk factors experience developmental delays with up to 100 percent certainty when five or six of those risk factors are present," he said.

Childhood poverty inhibits crucial brain development during the earliest stages of life, with potentially crippling consequences for normal adulthood that can extend right on through old age.

During last week's Town Hall Q&A, members of the audience, identified by first name, called attention to hunger and food insecurity; to children living under winter tarps in Southern Humboldt; the "sky-high" costs of preschool; a grave lack of dental care, leaving local children unprepared for the classroom; inadequate numbers of public health nurses, who can be "a powerful force for good" in assisting disadvantaged children; and "silo funding" and regulations, program by program, resulting in fractured and fragmented social services.

"We need a children's movement like the civil rights movement!" Town Hall panelist Meg Walkley, co-coordinator of the 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative, declared in response to audience appeals. There was a resounding consensus in the room for an integrated, strategic approach that addresses not only poverty, health, hunger and early childhood trauma, but also jobs, housing and workforce development, among others.

On that score, McGuire was upbeat. "Humboldt County is one of the few counties out of the entire 58 counties of the state of California that has actually brought schools, early childhood education providers and health care providers together to start combating

this. This has to be a modern day war on poverty and on adverse childhood experiences."

"Both are absolutely linked and if we're not working together, our communities will suffer and that is why we're here," he said. "Humboldt County may be one of the only counties in the entire state that has come together as a group to invest time, effort and now money into combating this terrible crisis. No one else has been as collaborative and focused as Humboldt."

Although McGuire is worried about what the incoming Trump Administration will do to federal health and education budgets, the money he referred to is a \$2 billion state initiative signed last year by Governor Jerry Brown. It is earmarked for desperately-needed teen and young adult housing, beginning in 2018. Humboldt County and the City of Eureka have been active in preparing for the aid, the senator said. "There will be specific dollars for those who are homeless between the ages of 16 and 25, which have been typically the hardest to fund, particularly for those foster kids who age out of the system."

In the meantime, the state legislature is bringing forward an omnibus bill to weigh the manifold issues attached to early childhood education. The bill is groundwork for advancing universal preschool across the state. It will be an uphill challenge.

"I will tell you the governor has been very reluctant to fund anything more than one time for one year," McGuire acknowledged to the audience.

The challenge is that although the state expects a budget surplus this year, "we are starting to see a little bit of a slowdown in the California economy."

All the same, "We have to start the conversation about advancing universal preschool," he said. "And yes it's going to be expensive. But it's going to be even more expensive if we continue to turn our backs and not invest in" fighting childhood poverty and trauma.

REDWOOD VILLAGE Hear the latest about Redwood Coast Village **Monday, Dec. 12** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr. in Eureka. The village is a new member-run organization for seniors that coordinates volunteer help so older people can continue to live in their own homes. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is sponsoring this Brown Bag Lunch event as part of the Art of Living series. (707) 442-3763 ext. 217

Crabs | 'Fair' price

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began with an out-of-the-gate ex-vessel price of \$3 per pound.

On Dec. 1, the first day that crab pots were allowed to be pulled, rough seas interfered with fishing. In Eureka, boats weren't able to get out of the bay and in areas north and trap buoys were pulled underwater by strong currents.

"The current is really bad," said Trinidad-based crabber Zach Rotwein on the first day of the season. "The (crab) pots are out but they're hard to pull because of the current."

Some landings were made north of Eureka; Rotwein said that based on early results, he's expecting "a fairly decent season."

The \$3 per pound opening price is "really fair," said Rotwein, and could rise if domoic acid-induced closures continue in Oregon and Washington.

"I'd expect to see supply and demand kick in," he continued.

The remaining vestiges of domoic acid are believed to be phasing out. After two years of being influenced by a warm water El Niño pattern, ocean conditions are changing and trending toward cooler water temperatures.

Crisis | Fearing program cuts will make things worse

❖ **FROM A1**

Care Act), Planned Parenthood and federal health funding of abortions.

As the nation's highest-ranking health officer, assuming his nomination is approved by the Senate, Price will be a proponent of ending Medicaid and Medicare as entitlement programs.

Hence McGuire's concern about "what's going to be coming down on the federal level." He said protecting public education from funding slashes would be the number one priority in Sacramento. That drew applause and hurrahs at the Town Hall because Humboldt health and education officials see a direct correlation between wounded childhoods, academic failure and lifelong health problems, both mental and physical.

Federal funding losses surround education as well as health care. Trump's Cabinet nominee to be Secretary of Education is Michigan billionaire Betsy DeVos, a conservative school choice activist (vouchers and charter schools) who, like Trump, considers the nation's public school system "a government-run monopoly."

The local nexus with these interlocking health and education budget risks is that Humboldt County's child abuse

and neglect rate is nearly 50 percent higher than the California average, according to Mary Ann Hansen, executive director of First 5 Humboldt, the family support and child abuse prevention agency.

Among the state's 58 counties, "we have the highest rate of children identified with special needs," she warned.

Yet First 5 Humboldt is struggling with continuing funding losses as service demands rise, resulting in what a report of the Center for Youth Wellness of San Francisco calls "A Hidden Crisis" of acute childhood impairment.

Hansen cautioned the Town Hall audience that First 5 dollars that flow into the county from the Proposition 10 tobacco tax have plunged 40 percent since Fiscal 2004.

In an interview with the *Union* just before the Town Hall, McGuire asserted, "There is a direct link between childhood poverty, childhood trauma – physical, emotional and sexual abuse – and a child's livelihood, short and long-term. What we know is that if a child goes to school hungry in the morning there is a great likelihood they're going to be challenged to be successful in class. What we also know is that the county of Humboldt has among the highest rates of child trauma in the entire state."

Why?

"That is why we're here to kick off the conversation," he said. "The state of California is just starting that research. We have not dug into the specifics here in Humboldt County yet, but here's what we know: If there is trauma or drug use in the home, it affects the brain development of the child. That development is crucial between zero and five years old. Because [Humboldt has] some of the highest rates, we see significant challenges in many of our school districts."

Jon Sapper, assistant superintendent of the Humboldt County Office of Education and one of the Town Hall panelists, said, "Many young children in Humboldt County are experiencing significant trauma in their lives – physical, psychological, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect. We are noticing significant behavioral issues, learning disabilities, inability to pay attention and aggressive types of behavior."

Sapper called "a shock to us all" the comprehensive data compiled over a four-year period by the Center for Youth Wellness, which found that Humboldt County, along with Butte and Mendocino counties, has the state's highest rates of what in health and medical jargon are called Adverse

Childhood Experiences (ACE) – verbal, physical, emotional and sexual trauma.

Fully 75 percent of Humboldt and Mendocino residents have suffered one or more adverse experiences, according to the center's figures. Only Butte County is higher at 76.5 percent.

Victims of four or more traumas are 39 percent more likely to be jobless; 12.2 times more likely to attempt suicide; 10.3 times more likely to use injection drugs and 7.4 times more likely to be alcoholics.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta lays out three general categories, abuse, neglect and household dysfunction. They encompass domestic violence and multiple forms of neglect, whether physical, emotional, medical/dental or educational.

Humboldt's ACE levels, 2.5 times the state average, are symptomatic of a county sundered by disastrously high rates of drug crime, drug and alcohol deaths, murder, suicide and mental disorders.

More than 30 percent of our residents have experienced significant abuse and neglect, compared to 12 percent statewide, Sapper said.

According to health experts, these social pathologies maim emotional health, causing anxiety, aggression, drug abuse and binge drinking, delinquency, impaired relationships, depression, eating disorders and post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD).

Physical harm includes concussion, broken bones, deformed brain architecture and poor development of immune and hormonal systems.

Poverty exacerbates the impact, Sapper stated. "Children from impoverished, low income families are extremely over-represented in incidences of reported childhood abuse and neglect. We are not saying poverty is causal; possibly the opposite, where the family abuse and neglect may lead to increased poverty, compounding the effects of our changed economy."

Sapper, McGuire and other officials underscored that the crisis is multi-generational and it will hang on tenaciously far into the future, 10, 20, 25 years.

"We have more kids in poverty in 2016 than we did before" the Great Recession of 2008, the senator said. "In both rural and urban areas those numbers have actually gone up" despite the recovery since the crash and the addition of 16 million jobs nationwide.

The calamity is not confined to children. "Adults in Humboldt County have some of the highest numbers of adverse childhood experiences as well, four or more," McGuire said in the interview with the *Union*. "That impacts the long-term success of a human and their children; that is the cycle."

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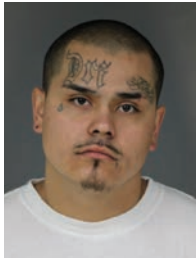
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Arrested for murder

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
HOOPA VALLEY – On Nov. 25 at approximately 3:05 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received a call regarding a disturbance at a residence on lower Cal Pac Road in the Hoopa Valley. Deputies and medical personnel arrived on scene and located a female victim in the residence with multiple wounds. The victim succumbed to her injuries at the scene.
During the investigation, Lorence Emmanuel Bailey was identified as a person of interest. Bailey was located and subsequently arrested on suspicion of murder. Bailey was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and bail has been set at \$1,000,000. This incident is currently being investigated by Detectives with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539



Lorence Emmanuel Bailey

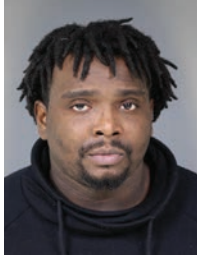
Child returned safely

MAD RIVER UNION
EUREKA – Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office reports that a child suspected of being abducted by her father has been returned safely.
On Sunday, Nov. 27 at about 7 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to the 4100 block of Hillside Court in Eureka for a reported child abduction by a parent. According to a press release, the reporting party told deputies that when she was in another part of her residence, Anthony Lux, 31, unexpectedly left with his daughter, 4-year-old Allison Shirey. According to the Sheriff’s Office, the reporting party provided court documentation stating she had temporary physical and legal custody of the child and that Lux did not have permission to take Allison from the residence.
The Sheriff’s Office reported that they later discovered Lux receiving a ride from the residence on Hillside Court to St. Joseph Hospital, but did not check into the hospital. The Sheriff’s Office issued a Be-On-the-Lookout for Lux.
In a separate press release, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office reported that on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at about 10:50 p.m., Lux met with Humboldt County Sheriff’s Deputies to return his daughter. According to that release, Lux spoke with investigators and stated he had received advice that there were no court orders in regards to Allison’s guardianship and he had a legal right to remove the child from the home. Lux agreed to return Allison after realizing his actions were unlawful and told deputies that he plans to pursue custody of his daughter.
Deputies returned Allison to her guardian and removed the child from the missing persons system. The Sheriff’s Office reported that Allison was in good health and good spirits.
The Sheriff’s Office concluded by extending its thanks to the public and media for their assistance in attempting to locate this child.

High-speed chase ends with two in custody

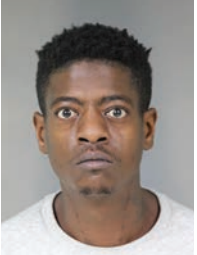
A third suspect who fled on foot still being sought

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FIELDBROOK – On Thursday, Dec. 1 at approximately 6:58 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s Deputies were dispatched to a report of home invasion robbery in progress in Fieldbrook. While en route, the suspect vehicle, a black GMC Yukon with Missouri license plates, passed deputies at a high rate of speed in the opposite direction, westbound on Murray Road from Central Avenue in McKinleyville.
Deputies pursued the vehicle, and requested the assistance of the California Highway Patrol. The suspect vehicle began travelling northbound on U.S. Highway 101. The pursuit continued and reached speeds of 100 mph. The pursuit ended when the vehicle entered Loop Place in Westhaven and drove through the front yard of a residence, stopping at the edge of a steep embankment.
The three occupants of the vehicle attempted to flee on foot. Two of the suspects were immediately apprehended by deputies. The third suspect fled down a steep embankment, evading deputies. Deputies, with the assistance of CHP, Arcata Police Department’s K-9 unit, CHP Airship and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter searched the area for the third suspect, but were unable to locate him.
A search of the suspect vehicle revealed three large duffle bags containing at least 50 lbs. of processed marijuana, two stun gun flashlights, a silver iPhone, a Missouri ID belonging to Robert Lee Bruce Jr., one box of ammunition and a backpack containing rubber gloves, zip ties, tape and two T-shirts.



Norvell Eaisley

No firearm was located in the vehicle or the surrounding area.
The driver was identified as Norvell Eaisley, 29, of Missouri. The passenger was identified as Charleston Jom-band Thompson, 31, also from Missouri. The third suspect is described as a black male adult with short hair, wearing a green jacket and green pants. The third suspect matches the description on the Missouri ID found in the vehicle.
Eaisley was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance for sales, evading a peace officer with wanton disregard of safety, resisting arrest and transportation of a controlled substance. Eaisley’s bail was set at \$75,000.
Thompson was also transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance for sales and resisting arrest. Thompson’s bail was set at \$50,000.
Additional deputies responded to the 900 block of Ford Street in Fieldbrook, where the alleged home invasion robbery was reported to have occurred. Deputies conducted a public safety search of the residence but were unable to locate any victims. The residence showed no evidence of a struggle or that any crime had occurred. This investigation is currently ongoing.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



Charleston Jom-band Thompson

Woman rescued from snowed-in trailer

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
NORTHERN HUMBOLT – On Sunday, Nov. 27 at about 11:25 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a woman stuck in a fifth wheel trailer that was snowed in approximately 30 miles out on Route 1. The woman had been in the trailer since Friday, Nov. 25 and had no means of evacuating herself from the area after a heavy snowfall.
Special Services deputies responded and realized they were unable to drive to the woman’s location. A snow cat was deployed on Monday morning from the area of Highway 36 in Mad River while units responded via 4-wheel drive truck from State Route 299, Titlow Hill. The Sheriff’s Office snowcat was unable to continue due to snow levels at approximately mile marker 44 on Route 1. Deputies were unable to go beyond mile marker 20 from Highway 299 due to snow levels, and snow drifts were too much to push through from the Highway 36 side.
PG&E was contacted on Monday and assistance was requested for use of their snowcat. They responded at 1 a.m. Tuesday, the delay due to road conditions. Deputies, with the assistance of PG&E, responded to the area of mile marker 30 of Route 1. They searched the area described by the reporting party throughout the night and were unable to locate the subject.
Later that morning, the California Highway Patrol airbase in Redding was contacted and assistance requested. At about 11:30 a.m., the CHP helicopter arrived at the command station and met with deputies. At about 12:23 p.m., the CHP helicopter located the rescuee. Due to low fuel levels, the helicopter had to refuel in Arcata before it would be able to extricate the woman. The CHP helicopter returned to the scene and hoisted the woman from her location.
The woman was taken to a local hospital, where she was medically cleared. She was running out of supplies and the situation would have be-

come dire had she not been rescued.
The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office would like to send a generous thank you to the local PG&E office and the California Highway Patrol for their assistance in extricating this individual.

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION
College of the Redwoods will hold its 118th Basic Law Enforcement Academy graduation Thursday, Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. in the CR theater on the Eureka main campus. Twenty five cadets will participate in this class ceremony. Of those graduating, 21 have been hired by various law enforcement departments and others are in different stages of the selection processes, some with multiple agencies. The 119th class starts Jan. 9, and has reached its capacity with 40 cadets, including 20 from sponsoring agencies. Anyone interested in attending a future Academy should visit redwoods.edu/departments/police1/police-academy.

CR offers Medical Assistant Training

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
EUREKA – College of the Redwoods hosts a free informational meeting today, Dec. 7, for people interested in learning more about Medical Assistant Training. The informational meeting will be held at CR’s Eureka Downtown Site, 525 D St., from 3 to 5 p.m.
Medical Assisting classes begin Feb. 15. This 14-week series of classes will include classroom training, laboratory practice and a clinical externship in a local healthcare facility. Training provides skills for both front- and back-office work and will include basic patient care, EKGs, injection and venipuncture certificates, CPR certification and more.
Experience in medical assisting can provide en-

trance into other healthcare-related careers. Upon successful completion of the class, students will sit for the national medical assisting examination. National certification graduates are eligible to work in medical offices and other healthcare facilities.
Medical Assisting Training is offered through CR’s Community and Economic Development to support the community’s need for skilled medical assistants. Community and Economic Development focuses on increasing the employment-related skills of the district’s workforce by providing appropriate and practical training to present and future employees.
For more information about the program, call (707) 475-4500 or visit redwoods.edu/communityed.

Keep FOG out of drains

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department encourages residents to properly dispose of cooking grease during the holiday season and all year long.
Many people celebrate the holiday season by preparing traditional holiday feasts including turkey, ham, gravy, stuffing and, let’s not forget, desserts. As delicious as these foods may be, they are prepared with cooking oil, grease, butter and rendered fat — all of which can cause sewer back-ups if they enter the sanitary sewer system.
Fats, oils and grease (FOG) used for cooking or created as a result of cooking can wreak havoc on drains and the wastewater system if not disposed of properly. Fats, oils and grease should never be poured down a sink drain or toilet. If this does occur, it increases chances for clogged drains resulting in costly plumbing problems for residents or sanitary sewer overflows. Sanitary sewer overflows are a public health concern and cause environmental problems.

“City crews will respond to correct sanitary sewer overflows,” said Mark Andre, director of the City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department. “But prevention is always the best course of action, and proper disposal of fats, oils and grease will avoid many plumbing and sewer problems.”
Cooled and solidified cooking grease or oil should be placed in a sealed container, stored in the freezer until it has hardened and then put in a solid waste garbage bin. People can also pour fats and oils into cat litter until it is absorbed and then dispose of the litter in the trash. Large amounts of fats and grease can be taken to the Humboldt Waste Management Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste collection facility.
Here are other tips to avoid FOG-related clogged sewer drains:
• Avoid pouring cooking grease down the sink drain or toilet;
• Wipe greasy dishes and pots with a paper towel or napkin to absorb cooking oil before washing;
• Scrape vegetable scraps from dishes for backyard compost and scrape greasy food residue into the garbage prior to washing;
• Avoid placing food that contains fats, oil and grease into the garbage disposal.
To report sanitary sewer overflows and for more information regarding fat, oil and grease disposal and proper disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes, call (707) 822-8184.

City of Arcata seeks decision-makers

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – Join the team of volunteers who make decisions on Arcata’s development projects and who advise the Arcata City Council and staff on multi-modal transportation options and how to spend Measure G tax revenues for police services and road repair. The City of Arcata’s Planning Commission, Transportation Safety and Transactions and Use Tax committees would love to have you as a member.
Planning Commission
There is one vacancy on the Arcata Planning Commission. Any Arcata citizen or anyone who lives or works within the Arcata Planning Area is invited to apply for this influential commission. Planning Commissioners are volunteers who attend two meetings a month which are televised live on Suddenlink Ac-

cess Humboldt Cable Channel 10 and also webstreamed at cityofarcata.org.
The seven-member Planning Commission has final decision making authority for most planning and physical development permits in the Arcata area. Anyone applying to build or develop land in Arcata must have their plans reviewed and approved by this commission. Applicants with interest, knowledge and expertise in all areas of city planning and development, or historic preservation and architectural or landscape design are being sought for this position.
Transportation Safety Committee
If you walk, bike, drive, skateboard or use a wheelchair or bus to get around Arcata and have ideas on how to make transportation easier and better, consider serving on

the Arcata Transportation Safety Committee. There is one vacancy for an Arcata resident to help advise the City Council and staff on all transportation matters in the city. The committee meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.
Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee
The city’s Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee is also looking for a volunteer member who is knowledgeable about budgetary and fiscal processes.
Application process
Applications are available at the Arcata City Manager’s Office, 736 F St., Arcata, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online anytime at cityofarcata.org. Search “Committee Vacancies.”
For more information, call (707) 822-5953.

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL The Arcata City Council meets **tonight, Dec. 7** at 6 p.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. A special meeting commences at 5 p.m. with public comment; the council then goes into closed session to discuss anticipated litigation. The regular meeting begins at 6 p.m. with the flag salute. Agenda items include: establishment of a Public Safety Task Force; recommendations to the City Council on formation of a Public Safety Committee; purchase of a crime statistics website module; approval of a franchise agreement for solid waste and recycling collection; scoping on possible housing grants; consideration of a zoning map and planned development permit; adoption of an ordinance pertaining to sewer use and wastewater treatment; selection of councilmembers to



select the 2017 Business of the Year and more.

McKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors meets **tonight, Dec. 7** at 7 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. Agenda items include: a public hearing on reformation of the Central Avenue Open Space Maintenance Zone; California Water Environmental Association Awards; a presentation on community choice energy by Redwood Coast Energy Authority; possible approval of a memorandum of understanding with Blue Lake on emergency alternate facility space; a review of information from the Nov. 19 Gratitude Gathering and Community Visioning Event; authorization

for Director Dennis Mayo to attend the annual conference of the Association of California Water Agencies; review and amendment of a resolution to pledge revenues and funds related to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund energy Projects; committee, staff and president's report and more.

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COMING TO ORICK Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Mobile Outreach will be at the Orick Community Resource Center **Thursday, Dec. 15** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors to the bus can be assisted with CalFresh, MediCal, In-Home Supportive Services, Veterans Services and Child Support. For more information about program services, call (707) 441-4650.

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OPINION

LOGS AND DOGS



News item: Unhappiness with the lesser vote-getter becoming president-elect isn't limited to Arcata's bipeds. Everyone from logs to dogs is registering dismay in different ways.

Sharing thoughts & solutions

Working for peace, harmony

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has been working for peace worldwide since 1915. We condemn any violence and hate towards any human being and the Earth.

We are concerned about the turbulence the presidential election has brought to our community, locally and nationally. Many of us are experiencing uncertainty about our future. People are feeling fear, anger, angst, isolation and polarization.

How do we respond and find our voice and actions that might help ourselves, our community, and our country to find peace, understanding and acceptance of all the people living here? How can we work to protect and maintain programs and institutions?

As a first step, we encourage people to acknowledge that we are living in challenging times. Secondly, it is time to step up and engage. Reach out and know your neighbors, your school, your communities, your local government and our many wonderful local organizations working to support people. Let your voices be heard!

We would also like to encourage our community to engage in conversation with all people and to show our humanity before politics. We all need to build a secure and safe place to live with all people, no matter who we are or who we voted for.

History has shown that people need to be active participants in their daily lives and be the change that unites us all. WILPF Humboldt is feeling it, seeing it, hearing it and working to understand through actions in a group and upcoming community projects. We invite you to join us in taking action that supports peace and harmony and reflects kindness and humanity. To learn more about WILPF or get involved, check out wilpfhumboldt.wordpress.com or wilpfus.org.

Peace is a verb!

Sue Hilton (president), **Azra Andy Sehic**, **Gay Gilchrist**, **Carilyn Goldammer**, **Carol Woods**, **Maggie Shaffer**
Arcata

Can you hear me now?

In the last two weeks, I attended and reviewed two plays: *The Hollow* at North Coast Repertory Theatre and *columbinus* at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre.

Both times, the play was interrupted by the ringing of an audience member's cell phone.

I can only infer that this is a nightly occurrence at Humboldt County theatres, and theatres worldwide.

Imagine that you have put hours, weeks, months of work into a project. Imagine that you have memorized your lines, recited them in the shower, pestered your friends to run them with you, made everyone around you sick of you as you figured out your character, taken time off school/work, given up your free time to rehearse, skipped meals and driven miles at your own expense.

It's opening night. You're nervous. Your hands shake. You're terrified you'll forget your lines or miss your cues. Maybe your final grade depends on this. Maybe your self-esteem hinges on it. Maybe you just want to immerse yourself in the moment.

You open your mouth to speak your most poignant, heartfelt line, the one you recited 80 different ways before perfecting it.

And some idiot's cellphone rings.

Seriously, folks, if you can't be courteous to your fellow audience members – who have paid just as much as you to sit in the theatre – at least have a modicum of consideration for the actors, whose work you presumably support.

It's not like you haven't been told and reminded over and over to turn off your phone. All the way off.

Last year, as she was exiting the stage, Patti LuPone grabbed a cellphone away from an audience member who was texting. Maybe it's time for Humboldt's actors *and* audience members to do the same.

Can you hear me now?

Now on with the show.

Lauraine Leblanc
Arcata

❖ LETTERS

A privilege to serve

In January 2017, I will be retiring as a Director on the Board of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), after 10 years of service. During my tenure on the board, I have had the privilege to serve the communities of Arcata and Blue Lake.

One of the most important services that government can provide its citizens is water. There are few things that you can count on to always be there when you need it, like turning on a faucet and having clean water pour out. A water agency's mission is to reliably deliver clean and safe water to its customers as economically as possible. Those of us who live in the Humboldt Bay region are fortunate to have an institution like the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District which makes sure we have the best water available on the North Coast, if not in California.

Having access to Mad River water is just the beginning. The water agency has to be able to store water from the winter to carry customers through the summer, then it needs complex systems of pumps, valves, turbidity reduction and disinfection treatment facilities, and lastly, miles of pipes to carry the water from the river to every home, business and school in our region.

All of the facilities, equipment, energy systems, computers, and pipes need to function 24/7, always. None of that is possible without the dedicated people who work at the district, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Until I became a HBMWD director, I did not realize how complicated it is to deliver safe water, when you want it, all the time. I had no idea how many people were involved and how talented they are in their capability to multitask.

We live in a rural area and it can be challenging to recruit talented people and their families to relocate to our area. Fortunately, we have talented and dedicated people living right here, and they deserve our thanks for doing such an amazing job making sure that water is delivered every time their customers turn on the tap. I am going to miss being a part of such a humble government agency that I am so proud to have been a part of, and turning on a faucet will never be the same for me.

Thank you

Aldaron Laird, Director and Vice-President
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Getting a handle on butts

I am both a smoker and passionate defender of our town's environment. To that end, I carry a small tin to properly dispose of my butts. It is with dismay I see our fair city dotted with these repulsive little non-decompostable filtered ends.

Smoking is legal. We have ordinances about where one can smoke. Smokers are heavily taxed. I am not writing to dispute the ethics of smoking. As long as tobacco exists, people are going to smoke it, and while it's legal, they have a right. So, what can we as a city do about the litter?

A few years ago I went to talk to the city manager of Arcata at the time, who informed that the city *does* in fact own butt containers, but for very vague reasons refuses to put them out. I would entreat the city to put proper butt receptacles on every block surrounding the Plaza (and wherever else possible) in order to help smokers keep our city clean. I would also entreat fellow smokers to carry a small Altoids (or whatever) tin to put their butts in, until what time the city sees fit to put our already-purchased butt containers on the street where they belong. I would love any response from city officials.

Also, I would like to thank the volunteers who on occasion clean the litter of all kinds from our streets. I see you and appreciate it.

Jada Brotman
Arcata

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This commission works to protect human rights

It is a fact of marketing: if you don't define yourself, someone will do it for you. It seems that now is a good time for the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission to define itself for our community. Some recent commentary suggests that, with incomplete information, one can come to conclusions that may not be accurate. I hope that the following information will help members of our community understand more about the commission and what it can and cannot do.

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission was established in 1965 at a peak in the civil rights era of our nation. It is a 15-member board (when at capacity) and is composed of unpaid volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each commissioner is appointed for a four-year term and the officers are elected from within the membership.

The Human Rights Commission has no budget and operates with minimal, but appreciated, support of the county in the form of a message-line phone, space on the county website, monthly use of a conference room in the courthouse in Eureka, and recently, the printing of our invaluable resource cards.

So, what does the commission do? Our volunteers answer the phones to help callers who seek direction and advice on what they believe to be violations of their human rights. Some seek legal advice to which we can direct them. Some seek help because of perceived discrimination. Some are concerned about alleged police violence. Some seek aid for homeless situations.

We don't have any funding, but we have informational resources to which we can direct the caller. We provide measures meant to help people. Callers' names remain confidential.

The commission tries to educate the public about human rights issues. Some issues presented in forums have included discussion of solitary confinement, human trafficking, the Americans with Disabilities Act, freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment and, in various ways, the enormous issue of homelessness.

We are conducting outreach forums in our often-ignored rural areas. No matter how many attend, every communication is an accomplishment.

We listen! In our effort to help people, we must first understand the issue. Sometimes people expect us to act without any investigation. Sometimes, when we inquire about the reality of a situation, we tend to make both sides of an issue angry with us. One side is enraged at our intrusiveness; another side thinks we are not doing enough. This is not an enjoyable place to be, but it is sometimes necessary.

We are mandated by state law to be an advisory group, primarily for the Board of Supervisors. We do not create policy, we can only recommend. As a commission in California, we are subject to Brown Act rules. While promoting transparency and open process, this act also results in slower movement.

Anyone who believes our membership is not committed hasn't spent any time with commissioners on the road, in meetings, doing research and giving of their time and yes, even their own cash.

Anyone who thinks we are a rubber stamp for county policy has truly not been paying attention.

Months ago, we began applying written and verbal testimony, asking the Board of Supervisors to declare a shelter crisis. We have not been successful thus far. The board seemed annoyed at our methods and some advocates say we were "ineffective." Maybe both views are correct, but we took a stand and we were heard.

And while the board didn't take the action we requested, the City of Eureka began moving in that direction. The issues and discussions are ongoing.

What is really important to understand in current news coverage is that the Human Right Commission is *not* a single-issue commission. To the best of our ability and resources, we should and do deal with all kinds of issues. With fears and uncertainty abounding right now, we have a great concern about race relations, crimes against all sort of marginalized citizens, hate speech, illegal labor actions, and, yes, we still are extremely concerned about the criminalization of the homeless.

We have work to do and we need more commissioners (applications are available at humboldtgov.org/1308/Human-Rights-Commission). The Human Rights Commission is one of the best bargains county citizens have. For almost no cost, volunteers are bearing the brunt of arguing for improved policies and trying to assure the public that we are paying attention and trying to improve human rights in our county. It is a hard place to be, but with a bit of research and understanding, maybe critics will come to realize we do our best and care deeply about human rights in Humboldt County.

Jim Glover is the chair of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission.



Venue names confuse Mack Towners

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – You show up for a public meeting in Mack Town, but when you get there the door is locked and it’s dark inside. Nobody’s around. What happened?

For McKinleyville residents, there’s a good chance they got the two “Azalea” venues confused. A majority of McKinleyville governmental meetings are held at either Azalea Hall, located at Pierson Park, or the Azalea Conference Center, located behind McKinleyville Middle School.

The problem was pointed out to the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee Nov. 30 by resident Carol

Newman.

“I just think it’s causing a lot of confusion,” Newman said.

“I so agree with you,” responded committee chair Ben Shepherd.

Committee member Barbara Georgianna brought up another reason for the confusion. “Carol, people don’t read, either,” she said, noting that the meeting agendas include the facilities’ names and addresses.

The reading problem was highlighted on the McKinleyville Community Watch Facebook page prior to last week’s committee meeting, when a member announced incorrectly that the meeting would be held at Azalea Hall, rather than the actual location,

the Azalea Conference Center. The mistake was later corrected.

Newman suggested that the word “Azalea” be changed to “Redwood” at one of the venues to avoid confusion.

Committee member Greg Orsini, who is the manager of the McKinleyville Community Services District, said that the district had first dibs on the name, since Azalea Hall was created before the Azalea Conference Center, which is owned by the McKinleyville Union School District.

Further confusing the matter is that McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, which typically meets at the Azalea Conference Center, will occasionally move its meetings to the much larger Azalea Hall when it expects a larger public turnout.

HOOVEN HASH LAB Unless someone demands a public hearing, the Humboldt County Planning Department intends to issue a special permit to Hooven & Co. Inc. to open a small hash lab and food-based cannabis manufacturing facility at its building, located at 445 Central Ave. across from the county’s main airport in McKinleyville. The lab would occupy 800 square feet of the existing 3,000-square-foot building. For a hearing to be held, a member of the public must make a request in writing by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

MCSD ELECTION The deadline to run for an open seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors is Friday, Dec. 16. To become a candidate, you must fill out paperwork at the County Office of Elections at 2426 Sixth St. in Eureka. If more than one candidate signs up, the election will be held on March 14, which is the day that ballots mailed to registered voters must be returned to the elections office.

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ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Downtown Arcata will be aglow with holiday sights, sounds, and good cheer for Arts! Arcata Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. In addition to the usual banquet of art, music, hors d'oeuvres and wine pours, Arcata Main Street is providing free horse-drawn carriage rides around the Plaza; members of the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir lead community caroling downtown and participants can vote for your favorite display in the Store Window Contest.

Arcata Artisans 883 H St. – “Annual Group Exhibit” showcasing works by all 28 members of the cooperative gallery, including jewelry, photography, painting, ceramics, metalwork, fiber art, wood-working and printmaking; wine pour benefits the Breast and GYN Health Project.

Arcata Exchange 813 H St. – Art and music by the students of Pacific Union School; wine pour benefits Arcata House Partnership.

Belle Starr 824 H St. – Art by Christina Anastasia and music by The Attic; wine pours benefits Planned Parenthood Northern California.

Clockworks 924 Ninth St. – Ukulele with vocals and henna art by Helaina; jewelry by Lindsey Rose Cruz; loose leaf tea tasting and ceramics by Watershed Teas.

Fatböl Clothing 1063 H St. – Hip Hop Cypher open mic with resident turntablist DJM and resident MC Nac One.

Fire Arts Center 520 South G St. – Pottery and glass sale.

Folie Douce 1551 G St. – Watercolors by Karen Berman.

COWBOY CAT

Work by Betsy Roberts is among that of the 28 artists' showing at Arcata Artisans.

Foodwise Kitchen 971 Eighth St. – “Still Life and Clean Treats,” oil and acrylic paintings by Antoinette Magyer and Bea Stanley; raw/vegan cheesecake samples.

Garden Gate 905 H St. – “New Works,” paintings by Allison Curtis and music by the Compost Mountain Boys; wine pour benefits the Friends of the Library.

Hot Knots 898 G St. – Watercolors by Marisa Kieselhorst and Joyce Jonté.

Jacoby's Storehouse Mezzanine Gallery 791 Eighth St. – “Driven to Abstraction, A Chronological Journey,” works on paper by Jay Brown.

Moonrise Herbs 826 G St. – “Psychedelic Landscapes,” Prismacolor marker on watercolor paper by Jess Aldeghi and intuitive readings by Healing Arts Practitioner Carole Wolfe; wine pour benefits Friends of the Dunes.

Northtown Books 957 H St. – Talk and book signing by Bill Ayers, author of *Demand the Impossible! A Radical Manifesto*.

Om Shala Yoga 858 10th St. – Acrylics by Augustus Clark; free chair massage and snacks.

Pacific Outfitters 737 G St. – “Landscapes and Abstracts,” canvas prints and ink on canvas by Tim Haywood and Fennel Blythe.

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PastaLuego 791 Eighth St. – Flor D' Luna boutique wines and artisan pizzas.

Plaza 808 G St. – “Into the Clouds,” mixed media by Carol Anderson; wine pour benefits Friends of the Dunes.

Plaza Grill 791 Eighth St. – “Fifteen Years of Stubbornness,” mixed media by Jay Brown.

Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. 550 South G St. “One Fish. One Bird. One Second,” photography by Greg Smith.

Redwood Yogurt 1573 G St. “Group Showcase,” works by students of Arcata Arts Institute; small ensemble performances by AAI Music; short animations created over the summer while attending California State Summer School for the Arts.

Rocking Horse 791 Eighth St. – “Holiday Art,” by Fuente Nueva Charter School students.

Sanctuary 1301 J St. – “Ceramics Showcase & Neighborhood Collection Show,” by Ben Belknap, Conrad Calimpong, Rory Cullifer, Joel Diepenbroch, Mikael Kirkman, Solomon Lowenstein, Meredith Smith and Natalie Williams.

Upstairs Gallery 1063 G St. – “Holiday Group Show.”

Zen 1091 H St. – Trunk show featuring Sexi Seaweed Jewelry; mocktails inspired by The Wild Apothecary.

Arts! Arcata is Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts. Visit arcatamainstreet.com, Arts! Arcata on Facebook, or call (707) 822-4500 for information.



LIVE ON STAGE Tone Haldrup Lorenzen unveiled her work in *The Character Projects* 2015. NELS ISRAELSON | DELL'ARTE

A question of character

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Share an evening with 10 actor-creators as they transform into striking new characters under the direction of Dell'Arte School Director Lauren Wilson. There are four performances only, Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 8 to 11 at 8 p.m. at the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake.

Dell'Arte's second year ensemble undertakes an investigation of the two main questions of the MFA program: How does the physical actor transform and also reveal him or herself through the mask of character? How does a new play take shape, born from the body-in-action and the actor's dramatic imagination?

The Character Projects performance is the culmination of two months of in-depth physical character study. Each student explores the depth of their own transformative power, creating a character who is truly different from them, and possessed of the heightened physical and vocal dimension that “lives” on the stage. These characters serve as the point of origin for a dramatic journey that each actor must develop and hone. Full of passion and humor, each performance is by turns funny, poignant and surreal. New characters come to life and encounter their fates in the space of the stage, where everyday life opens its doors onto the surprising and unexpected.

This year's performing students are Andrew Bayer, Gabriela Haught, Eric William Jones, Matilda Lindström, Natashia Marshall, Gaia Mencagli, Chase Perkins, Gavin Sellers, Fay Steddum and Jacob Timmons.

These popular performances are all pay-what-you-can, with reservations highly encouraged; call (707) 668-5663, ext. 115. Material is appropriate for ages 12 and up.



QUEER PUNK COMING-OF-AGE Breakfast All Day Collective presents a screening of the feature-length stop-motion animated adventure *Torrey Pines Friday*, Dec. 9 at 9:30 p.m. at the Minor Theatre, 1001 H St., Arcata. Created by Seattle-based animator and musician Clyde Petersen, the film is on a nationwide tour, featuring a live score performed by a full band. *Torrey Pines* is based on a true story, a queer punk coming-of-age tale set in Southern California in the early 1990s. Raised by a schizophrenic single mother, Petersen's story unfolds in a series of baffling events. Fueled by hallucinations of political conspiracy, Petersen's mother takes the 12 year old on a cross-country adventure that will forever alter the family. Petersen is a member of Seattle's transgender and queer communities who travels the world with his band Your Heart Breaks and hosts a TV show in a small handmade boat. Local artist Violet Crabtree will also show a short film, *Office in the Clouds*. There will be a silent auction to benefit the All Ages Arcata Project – a new arts and music community space. Tickets are \$7, online at minortheatre.com and at the door.

Well seasoned

Season's greetings. Yes, it's officially that time of year again. Lights are shining in trees and lining windows and Santa is here.

Spoiler alert: I met Santa the other day, his name is really Mike. We worked together for a couple of days preparing a meal for 500 in the Arcata Community Center. I complimented him on his beard, not knowing he was Santa, and suggested it qualified him for that twinkling role. He told me he was Santa, and I'll wager there is a photo of him in this paper. BTW, he told me he paid about \$1,000 for that red suit with a belt emblazoned with the initials “SC.”

The “season” brings some special shows with



THE HUM
Bob Doran

“holiday” music. There's a bunch of Xmas events listed elsewhere in this paper (see page B3), so I'll skip over those, just as I'll forego mention of the holiday haps in the local theatre world (as in the

Dell'Arte tour and the Playhouse show).

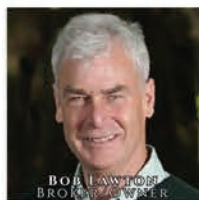
Sunday and/or Monday is one of your rare opportu-

nities to hear one of the finest Americana bands in the area: **Huckleberry Flint**. The group only plays a few times a year, this year that meant a stellar set at the Humboldt Folklife Festival on “Country Night,” and the upcoming “Winter Show 2016” Dec. 11 and 12, at the Arcata Playhouse. Huck Flint's founders, **Dustin Taylor** and **Adam Dick**, are too busy with their day job – the ever-so successful business Dick Taylor Craft Chocolates – to play more.

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FINEST AMERICANA Huckleberry Flint will play one of their rare shows at the Playhouse. BOB DORAN | UNION



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They explain on the company webpage, “How did we go from building furniture and wood boats to making chocolate? For as long as we can remember, we have been making things by hand. The time and care required for fitting a mortice or shaping a plank is not unlike the process of handcrafting chocolate from the bean. We have never shied away from a challenge in order to produce a beautifully finished product. It is just part of who we are.”

You may notice they don’t mention *songcraft*, to which they apply the same sort of skill resulting in the same sort of “finished product.” I’m not sure why there’s nothing about their music career when they talk chocolates, but they could.

I can’t tell you exactly who will be playing with them for this two-night run. At their summer show, they expanded into an octet with a horn section, but they do quite well with nothing but strings — and some well-crafted songs. Fair warning: Both shows will undoubtedly sell out. You can get tix at the Dick Taylor factory (and gift shop) in Eureka or online (where I bought one).

The Potluck dish

A quite different “holidayze” show is planned for Saturday at Humboldt Brews featuring a rare local appearance by a local outfit. Like it or not, one of the most successful ambassadors of the Humboldt brand is a duo known as **Potluck**. The well-established hip-hop crew is comprised of Humboldt native **Joshua Leiderman**, aka **Underrated**, who says he’s “straight from the country,” and **James Kerri**, aka **1-Ton**, a large black dude originally from San Diego who moved to Humboldt in the ’90s to attend HSU. (He’s an alum with a busi-

ness degree.) While they’ve been part of the local scene for a couple decades, they don’t play here much, instead spending their time repping Humboldt on tours with mid-level hip-hoppers such as D12, Tech9, Twiztid and Kottonmouth Kings.

In their bio, Potluck wears the Humboldt brand proudly, with an emphasis on their life in the cannabis biz: “Born and raised in the endless marijuana fields of Humboldt County, the weed capital of the world, Potluck has lived constantly surrounded by acres of weed plants, thousands of pounds and the inventors of all the popular strains. Through the power of music, Potluck tells the full story of the only drug business where the hippie is king and peace, love and happiness reign supreme.”

As 1-Ton told me when I first interviewed the band (a long, long time ago), “We’ve got a positive message. Obviously we talk about the number one cash crop up here. That’s our inspiration, but it’s all positive. It’s about our lives, about me and my man here, living life, trying to survive, just everyday experiences that any person, any race, any age group can relate to.”

Co-headliner for the Potluck show is **Afroman** (aka **Joseph Foreman**), a Grammy-nominated rapper known for the topical hit, “Because I Got High.” The song, released in 2000 and subsequently used in numerous film soundtracks, tells tongue-in-cheek about the results of drug use. Starting with failing to obey his parents and clean his room, “because I got high,” his troubles escalate until, “I messed up my entire life – because I got high. I lost my kids and wife – because I got high. Now I’m sleeping on the sidewalk and I know why – ’cause



LIKE A REALLY RACY EPISODE OF ‘ALL THINGS CONSIDERED’ Jackie Kashian brings her show to the Playhouse.

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I got high, because I got high, because I got high.”

More recently, Afroman re-worked the lyrics to make it fit into medical weed legalization. “I had problems with glaucoma – but then I got high. Smelled the cannabis aroma – and I got high. Glaucoma getting better and I know why,” he sang, followed with a dope tax verse: “They built a school or two – because I got high. Now the state can fund drug treatment – and I know why.” (If only.)

Also on the bill, **Travii Bandz**, **Area 51/50**, **Hiway 101** (who just dropped a new album, *Disgruntled Employees Association*). **K-Swag**, **Travii Bandz-jee**, **Rock Slang** and **CF-Slim**.

For the birds

As you may or not remember, last week I mentioned my good friend Vinny, host of Fogou (a radio show on KHSU). I did not mention the band he plays in: Medicine Baul. Of course, he always tells me when the floorcore band with a constantly shifting membership has gig – the latest is Saturday “the 10th, at Synapsis’ new *hauntz*.” For a dozen years, **Leslie Castellano**, the heart-beat of the arty organization, has been struggling with code issues in their space in the bad part

of Old Town, across the street from the town’s towing yard. (I know enough about ADA rules to recognize some insurmountable obstacles there.) They had a grand opening during last week’s Arts Alive on the “new hauntz,” in the former home of St. Vinnie’s next door to the Black Faun Gallery. They’ll have silk dancing classes and other things in the future, but this Saturday it’s a **Humboldt Wildlife Care Center/bird ally x Rent Party** (to show appreciation to volunteers and raise a few bucks) with music by **Medicine Baul** and **The Neighbors**, songs from forest friend **Rob DiPerna**, aerial (silk) dancing by Leslie Castellano and **Jessica Rubin**, and poetry by I’m not sure who.

Funnies

I sometimes feel guilty for my failure to figure out (and keep up with) what seems to be a thriving local stand-up comic scene, or the current comedy scene in general. I get another chance Thursday, Dec. 8 with a show at the Arcata Theatre Lounge featuring **Jackie Kashian**. She begins a video of a show called *This is Stand-up* by quoting a fellow comic who described her work as “like listening to a really racy episode of *All Things Considered*.” (That might be because she’s been on *This American Life*.) She’s been on TV on Conan O’Brien’s show, Netflix’s *Lady Dynamite* and on *Maron*, the TV show starring and about star Marc Maron of the *WTF* podcast. Jackie has hosted her own podcast, *The Dork Forest*, for over 10 years (more than 3 million downloads), which she says is “a safe space for dork-on-dork dialog,” and has lots of guests who are also comics. And she has a new one on the Nerdist Network.

As I learn more about com-

ics, I find a lot involves podcasts and self-deprecating humor. Like most Humboldt comedy, this is something connected with the *Savage Henry* crew, who have a podcast network of their own (and a magazine). The host for the ATL show is **Ivy Vasquez** (a *Savage* associate also involved in *Make Me Laugh*). **Dash Kwiatkowski** and **Evan Vest** may or may not make me laugh before Jackie does her thing.

There’s more funny bidness Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. with “Comedy Comes Home: A Stand Up Benefit for Planned Parenthood” at the North Coast Repertory Theatre, an evening “featuring the incredible and hilarious comedic talent” of (the above mentioned) Ivy Vasquez, my former workmate **Kim Hodges**, **Josh Barnes** and **Nathan Davis-Floyd**. This is allegedly the first time they’ve had stand up at North Coast Rep, although they often have Shakespearean comedies and some other funny plays.

The show’s host **Sam Wingspan** tells us, “This will be the first in a monthly series of shows designed to both provide awesome comedy in an incredible theatre space, while directly benefitting programs that are threatened by the Trump presidency.” He goes on to note, that for this “inaugural show,” they will be donating all proceeds (sliding \$5 to \$10 donation) to Planned Parenthood in the name of VP-elect Mike Pence (“because fuck that guy”). Plastic (or cash) will be accepted and they’ll have concessions available. (“Yes, booze.”) With a touch of passive aggression, Mr. Wingspan concludes, “The show will begin promptly at 8 p.m. No Humboldt time for this show – we’re running on big kids time.”

If you show up late, well, we’ll know why. The Humboldt all-purpose excuse applies: “Because I got high.” Whatever.

PINTS FOR VETS Drink up at Mad River Brewery, 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, Dec. 7**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits the HSU Veterans Center.

PINTS FOR SCRAP Drink up at Redwood Curtain Brewing Co., 550 South G St., Arcata, **today, Dec. 7**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits SCRAP Humboldt. Beer + crafts = merriment.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *The Devil’s Messenger* (1961) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Dec. 7** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. In this three-part horror anthology, the devil (Lon Chaney Jr.) has a female Satanya deliver key items to the main characters in each horrifying story. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or bev-

erage. Parental guidance is suggested.

JAZZ BAND Join the HSU AM Jazz Band for an end-of-semester concert featuring arrangements of compositions by such luminaries as Duke Ellington, Sonny Rollins, Freddie Hubbard, Milt Jackson and Miles Davis **Thursday, Dec. 8** at 8 p.m. in HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall. Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

HOLIDAY REQUIEM The Humboldt Chorale and University Singers join forces with the Humboldt Symphony to present the beloved Faure Requiem in HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall **Friday, Dec. 9** at 8 p.m. and **Sunday, Dec. 11** at 8 p.m. The program will also feature both sacred and secular choral music, including music celebrating the holiday season. The chorale is conducted by Elisabeth Harrington, University Singers is conducted

by Rachel Samet and Humboldt Symphony is conducted by Garrick Woods. Piano accompaniment is by John Chernoff. Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

MOKKA MUSIC Chubritza plays Eastern European tunes **Friday, Dec. 9** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

JAZZ ORCHESTRA Join the HSU Jazz Orchestra, conducted by Dan Aldag, **Saturday, Dec. 10** at 8 p.m. in HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall for contemporary jazz compositions and classic repertoire, including Chick Corea’s “Spain,” the gorgeous “I Remember Clifford,” a Nelson Riddle arrangement of “Love Me or Leave Me,” and a recent arrangement of Radiohead’s “Paranoid Android.” Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

MOKKA MUSIC Mon Petit Chou plays French Canadian tunes **Saturday, Dec. 10** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

COMPOSERS CONCERT Join the Humboldt State’s Department of Music in HSU’s Fulkerson Recital Hall **Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.** for an afternoon of original music composed by students under the mentorship of composition professor Brian Post. The event will feature music for string quartet and a piano reduction of a work originally scored for orchestra and played by pianist John Chernoff. Arrive early to hear the unfolding and looping of HexaJam, composed by Brian Post and performed by the HSU Composition Studio on Ableton Live Software. Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7	THURSDAY, DEC. 8	FRIDAY, DEC. 9	SATURDAY, DEC. 10	SUNDAY, DEC. 11	MONDAY, DEC. 12	TUESDAY, DEC. 13
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	8:30 p.m. Jackie Kashian	5 p.m. <i>Gremlins</i>	6:30 p.m. • Black & White Ocean Night	5:30 p.m. • <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i>		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The Trouble	9 p.m. NightHawk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. • Blue Rhythm Revue	9 p.m. Uptown Kings	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9:30 p.m. Miracle Show	9:30 p.m. • Afro-man and Potluck			9:30 p.m. • Kabaka Pyramid and the Bebble Rockers
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp	9:30 p.m. The Dip	9:30 p.m. HouseMF	9:30 p.m. Under Pressure	9:30 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. Mudd Show	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata				7 p.m. Claire Bent			
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake		8 p.m. Trivia Night	9 p.m. Kingfoot	9 p.m. Wild Otis	6 p.m. • NFL & Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping-pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	all day Pints for Nonprofits	6 p.m. The Crop Dusters	6 p.m. Cadillac Ranch	CLOSING EARLY			6 p.m. The Low Notes
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Piet Dalmolen		8 p.m. Sabertooth Soul		7 p.m. BINGO	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. The New Up	9 p.m. Comanche Joey	2 p.m. DJ JDub 9 p.m. TM&TS	CLOSING EARLY	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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❖ THEATRE REVIEW

The heart of darkness

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION
GIST HALL THEATRE – On the first anniversary of the San Bernardino shooting – and days before the 27th anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre – Humboldt State’s Theatre Department opened its powerful production of *columbinus*, the award-winning play about the 1999 Columbine High School massacre. The work itself is harrowing, and HSU’s production of it, directed by Troy Lescher, is heart-wrenching. It’s a brave choice, in what is traditionally a season of lighthearted holiday theatre, and this stellar production could not be more timely.

In the works since 2002, *columbinus*, by Stephen Karam and P.J. Paparelli, incorporates extensive research into and materials from the shooting with depictions of both actual people and fictionalized characters.

The first half opens in a purposely anonymous American high school populated by adolescent standards: the jock, the prep, the nerd, the goth, the Christian, the popular girl, the freak and the loner. While each of these characters is named in the script (i.e., the Christian is “Faith,” the nerd is “AP”), this production chose not to denote the separate characters as such in the program, but rather to simply list the actors under the rubric “Ensemble.” Six cast members – Makenna Baker, Joshua Banuelos, Ambar Cuevas, Heather Karns, Joey Lawrence and Elio Robles – play multiple roles as students, teachers and parents. Two others transform into killers: “Loner” Bryan Kashon into Dylan Klebold for the second half, and “Freak” Mickey Donovan into Eric Harris.

Every actor was brilliant. *columbinus* calls on each one to reveal the angst, torment and suffering of adolescence; each is, literally, stripped bare and put in the spotlight. Every single actor delivered not a stereotype, but an archetype, a fully realized character full of pathos.

Even more remarkable was the work of the cast as an ensemble. From the very first moments of the play, the cast is called upon to click into a seamless unit, to show their similarities before being differentiat-

ed, and it would not work unless each actor had perfect timing – and they did.

Given that each performance is so key to the success of this play, it is somewhat of a betrayal to single out the roles of Freak/Harris and Loner/Klebold as principals. But the play, reflecting actual events, separates these two out from the crowd. Kashon brought a doe-eyed vulnerability to the role of Dylan Klebold, the suicidal half of the duo. First-year theatre major Donovan gave an impassioned, electric portrayal of Eric Harris so filled with rage that he was absolutely terrifying.

The calibre of the performances was perfectly framed by the simplicity of the set designed by Maggie Luc – a stack of sharp angles and hard edges that ushered its inhabitants into catastrophe. The lighting cues and backdrop projections by Derek Lane were impeccable, as was sound design by Cory Stewart; had any of these been less than perfect, all would have failed. The show operations staff (too numerous to mention individually, but each deserving a solid A) made it all work flawlessly.

While *columbinus* so movingly depicts horrifying events, paradoxically, watching it was a pleasure. This is attributable in part to the unexpected wit and humor in the first half. But it was the quality of the performances and the staging that accomplished what theatre does best: allow us to collectively live out an experience of deep pain and trauma, and bring us through to the other side.

Every mass shooting spawns cottage industries of speculation but, as advertised, *columbinus* offers no easy rationalizations of the terrible events of April 1999. What HSU Theatre did here was “Columbine” us – bring us into to the heart of darkness and reveal its humanity.

columbinus continues at HSU’s Gist Hall Theatre Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Due to depictions of violence and very explicit language, the production is recommended for ages 16 and older. And when you go, turn off your damn cell phone.
(707) 826-3928

❖ MUSIC REVIEW

Girls rock

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBREWS – Anyone who may still think that girls can’t rock like the boys should take that assumption and go bury it about eight miles down, cover it with dirt, stomp up and down on it, cover it with some branches, then burn the shovel and get a lobotomy.

Or, you could just go see Zepparella. Because they rock, and rocked Humbrews last Thursday night.

The four-woman Led Zeppelin tribute band offered powerhouse versions of multiple Zep classics, including “The Song Remains the Same,” “Heartbreaker,” Moby Dick,” “The Ocean” and “Whole Lotta Love.”

The rhythm section, consisting of drummer Clementine and Angeline

Saris, were locked in and rock-solid the whole night, something obviously key to decent Zepterpretations. Clem’s Ludwig drum kit perfectly captured John Bonham’s signature chock-a-block sound, offering vital verisimilitude.

Guitarist Gretchen Menn channeled Jimmy Page’s muscular stylings with precision and color. Singer and power-waif Nolle Doughty doesn’t just look kind of like young Robert Plant, she sounds the part as well.

You gotta whole lotta love a band that aspires to replicate the oeuvre of one of musical history’s most accomplished metal groups, and actually pulls it off with no excuses.

Were they Led Zeppelin-grade? Well... look, who is? But on a technical level, they were better. I saw Zeppelin in ’73 in New Orleans,

and they were so chemically modified they didn’t even know what town they were in. JohnPaul Jones was hitting all kinds of clinkers on his keyboard. But they were so raw. Bonzo did a massive drum solo, at one point pounding out awesomeness on his Ludwig Vistalite set *with his hands*. Try that sometime; it’s near impossible to make any sound (for mere mortals anyway).

Nitpicks would be that they didn’t do some classics one might consider essential – “The Immigrant Song,” “Black Dog” or “Rock and Roll.” (I guess it’s OK – one time I saw David Bowie in Detroit, and he *didn’t* do “Panic In Detroit!”) Also missing were Zep’s lighter, prettier fare like “Battle of Evermore” and “Going to California.” Thankfully though, they
ZEPPARELLA ❖ B5

A weekend of holiday music

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – ’Tis the season for holiday concerts, and once again this year, Humboldt County’s many choirs, orchestras and ensembles have assembled a bounty of concerts and singalongs.

Gospel choir palooza
The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, the McKinleyville Community Choir and the Arcata Interfaith Youth Gospel Choir bring harmony to your holiday with a concert Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Presbyterian Church, located at 11th and G streets (with handicapped access from the back parking lot).

The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, under the direction of Louis Hoiland, will sing a gospel version of the *Hallelujah Chorus* as well as other holiday favorites in Black Gospel arrangements. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Lorien Sanchez, will also sing its holiday repertoire with the addition of some original positive rap that the youth choir members have written themselves.

The McKinleyville Community Choir, directed by Robert Keiber, will be adding their holiday favorites to the mix.

Tickets are \$15/free for kids 5 and under and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, The Works and online at *AIGC-HolidayBrownPaperTickets.com*.

Donations for the Betty Chinn Homeless Outreach will be accepted in the lobby.
(707) 822-4444, *arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com*

All Seasons Celebration
The All Seasons Orchestra presents a free holiday concert Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1660 Heartwood Dr. in McKinleyville. This concert is brought to you by All Seasons Orchestra, the Arcata Recreation Division and a generous sponsorship by the Rodden Family. Admission donations are optional.

The evening features favorites such as “A Christmas Festival,” “Sleigh Ride,” “Festive Sounds of Hanukkah,” “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” and “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town.” In addition, the orchestra will perform “Fiddler on the Roof” and “A Waltz for All Seasons,” written by beloved All Seasons Orchestra founder George Rodden. A brass quintet will play some holiday selections.

All Seasons Orchestra is a community orchestra open to all ages and includes strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments. Seasonal performance opportunities are offered throughout the

year. Fees to participate are \$25 per season for Arcata residents, \$30 for non-Arcata residents.

(707) 822-7091, *cityofarcata.org/rec*.
Christmas Music Festival
Tubas, accordions, barbershop singers, choirs, bands and a full orchestra perform at Fortuna’s Christmas Music Festival at Fortuna’s River Lodge, Sunday, Dec. 11.

The 40th annual event opens with All Seasons Orchestra at 12:30 p.m. followed by Humboldt Accordionaires at 1 p.m., Humboldt Harmonaires at 1:30 p.m., College of the Redwoods Concert Band at 2 p.m., Eureka Brass at 2:30 p.m., A Company of Voices at 3 p.m., Mariachi Real de Mexico at 3:30 p.m., Tuba Christmas at 4 p.m., Scotia Band at 4:30 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Choir at 5 p.m., Fortuna High School Music Department at 5:30 p.m. and the Festival Finale at 6 p.m. The festival ends at 6:05 p.m. with an audience singalong finale featuring “Silent Night” and the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Admission to the festival is free, but several charitable groups benefit from donations at the event: refreshments benefit the Fortuna Junior Academy; cash donations are accepted for the Santa’s Sleigh toy and clothing drive; nonperishable food donations benefit St. Joseph’s Pantry Shelf.

Fortuna’s River Lodge Conference Center is on Riverwalk Drive on the west side of Highway 101. If traveling on Highway 101, take the Kenmar exit, west on Riverwalk Drive, one-tenth mile to the conference center.
(707) 725-3959

Gladsome Tidings
The full McKinleyville Community Choir will fill Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville, with holiday music Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature an ensemble group, duets and solos, accompanied by a variety of instruments, with some a cappella numbers as well, all under the direction of Keiber. The audience can join in the musical fun for a singalong of carols and holiday-flavored favorite numbers with lyrics projected on a screen.

A delightful array of refreshments, a sweet and savory assortment of seasonal satisfiers will be provided by choir members. Hot and cold beverages will also be available. There is no admission fee, but donations are appreciated. It’s a good idea to arrive early for seating selection.
(707) 839-2276

Lime Arts debuts with 'Doubt'

LIME ARTS PRODUCTIONS
HSU– Lime Arts Productions makes its Humboldt County premiere with *Doubt: A Parable* by John Patrick Shanley at Humboldt State’s Studio Theatre, on the second floor of the Theatre Arts building, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10 at 5 p.m. All performances are pay-what-you-can and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

This critically-acclaimed 2004 one-act drama, set in the Bronx in 1964, is a deep exploration of uncertainty, following the lives of two Catholic nuns who question a new priest’s intentions at their church. Audience

members will enter onto an extremely personal thrust stage and will have the opportunity to confess their sins as part of the unique interpersonal experience.

Founding Artistic Director Roman Sanchez, a sophomore at HSU, will make his Humboldt County directorial debut with a cast featuring Susan Abbey, Matthew Hern, Nichole Riffenburgh and Emani Shelton. The production will also feature scenic de-

sign by Marissa Sanchez, lighting design by Derek Lane, costume design by Alexander Stearns, property design by Camille Borrowdale, sound design by Zachary Sepulveda, and stage managed by Madison Burgett-Feagin and Fiva Pulu.

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Civic leadership & saving the world

Join the fun of the community-wide celebration of holiday cheer at The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce annual Holiday Party Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall. Reservation deadline has passed, but you might be able to obtain a ticket to attend the brightest and best party of the year by calling (707) 677-1610 or emailing Executive Director Ashley Mobley at ashleymobley@trinidadcalif.com.

Admission of \$25 per person includes appetizers by Uniquely Yours, dancing, a live auction, Dutch raffle and chance to remind friends and neighbors of the season's, and the town's, blessings. Lighthouse Grill, Moonstone Crossing Winery and Salty's have tickets also.

Clarification

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce supports the economic, civic and social life of Trinidad and is a nonprofit organization, hence it never endorses political causes or candidates (although it sponsors non-partisan candidate forums from time to time). A comment made by this columnist in connection with the chamber party in the *Union* of Nov. 23 was construed as a chamber endorsement of political leaders. To clarify, I personally retain high hopes and wish the best for wisdom and success on the part of all of our country's leaders including



our current president, the president-elect and our city, county, state and federal representatives.

Civic leadership

There are one Trinidad City Council seat and two Trinidad Planning Commission positions vacant. Contact City Clerk Gabriel Adams at cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov or stop by his office at 409 Trinity St. to apply for these important positions before Dec. 8. The application process will remain open until the positions are filled.

The next City Council meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall. During the three-minute "items from the floor" part of the meeting, take time to thank our civic leaders for their service.

Saving the World One Word at a Time

Mary Gelinas and Roger James of Gelinas James, Inc. have offered workshops and seminars all over the world to help business and government leaders move towards positive and constructive solution-oriented conversations. Humboldt Area Foundation has hosted a number of workshops as well.

Gelinas recently released her book *Talk Matters! Saving the World One Word at a Time*, and it could be just the ticket for families and friends to talk across and through differences. Her book is available locally at Blake's Books, Booklegger, Northtown



LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTERS The Trinidad Lions Club with the help of the local Cal Fire Department placed the lights on the Trinidad Light House, above right, in preparation for the holiday season. Lions members above left are George Cozens standing on top of lighthouse with two members of Cal Fire and Bertha Herd, Craig Wanek, and Bill Nelson standing in front of the lighthouse.

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Books and would make a marvelous Christmas present. Visit gelinasjames.com and read Mary's blog "How We Talk Matters."

December 11 Community Open House

Craft fairs both at Trinidad School and at Trinidad Town Hall will take place Sunday, Dec. 11 benefiting school projects and Friends of the Trinidad Library respectively. Both fairs commence at 10 a.m. The school craft fair ends at 4 p.m. while the

Town Hall Indie Craft Fair closes at 4:30.

In addition, Trinidad Art Gallery, Strawberry Rock Gallery, Trinidad Trading Company, Windan Sea, Moonstone Crossing Winery, Bergeron Winery, Lighthouse Grill, Beachcomber Cafe, Katy's, Seascape and the Eatery-Gallery and Murphy's all will welcome visitors. Trinidad Spa has gift certificates available. Trinidad Museum

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Timely reading from manifestos to romance

Bill Ayers returns to Northtown Books, 957 H St. in Arcata, Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. to talk about and sign his new book, *Demand the Impossible!: A Radical Manifesto*.

In an era defined by mass incarceration, endless war, economic crisis, catastrophic environmental destruction, and a political system offering more of the same, radical social transformation has never been more urgent, or seemed more remote.

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Bill Ayers is a social justice activist, teacher, Distin-



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McK book sale

Stop by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library Holiday Used Book Sale near the Totem Pole in the McKinleyville Shopping Center Saturday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. to find that one-of-a-kind gift to inspire the reader(s) in your life.

Christmas-themed fiction books by popular authors, holiday cookbooks, fun Christmas crafting books and a large selection of holiday books for kids fill the shelves. In addition, there will be gift-quality books for all ages and stocking stuffers spread throughout the store.

As always, there will be a large collection of mysteries, general fiction, western, romance, science fiction/fantasy and young adult books and a mix of nonfiction options including self-help, healthcare, biographies, history, religion and nature. Check out the \$2/bag sale in front of the sale.

Donations of used books in good condition are always appreciated and can be brought to the sale. All proceeds benefit the McKinleyville Library.

At the McK Library

The McKinleyville Public Library, 1606 Pickett Rd., holds "Story Time for Children of All Abilities" Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. This story time is designed with special needs children in mind, as well as their families and friends, but is open to all. In addition to stories, there will be sensory play stations available with volunteers to help children have a positive experience.

Later that day, the library holds a family movie day and story time starting at 1 p.m. It starts off with story time with Elsa, marshmallow snowman crafts and a raffle, followed by a screening of *Frozen* at 2 p.m.

Both events are sponsored by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library and would be impossible without many dedicated volunteers.

Holiday romance

Former Eureka resident Ann Simas announced the release of three books, paranormal thriller *Black Moon Rising* and *Candy Cane Lane* and *Let It Snow*, the second and third books in her *Christmas Valley Romance* series. Simas lived in Eureka for seven years and received her BA from Humboldt State. She is the author of three Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Finalists, *Chloe's Spirit*, *First Star* and *Blessed Are the Eagles* as well as numerous other romance books. annsimas.com

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44. “Certainly!”

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46. Poplar trees

48. Song subject that “ain’t what she used to be”

49. French dairy export

50. Traditional peasant’s shoe

53. Orange-red jewelry

54. Tumor: suff.

57. Grover, for one

60. County in Texas

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63. Away from the wind

64. Leave out a syllable

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11. Utensil part

12. Formerly

13. Part of an apple

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27. Showy flower

28. — Palmer

29. Late actress Sharon and others

30. Contempt

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32. Symbol

33. Things that go up & down

35. Prefix for mentioned

38. Taste

39. Garlic’s giveaway

40. Feel sorry for oneself

46. Departure’s opp.

47. Moves in a stealthy way

48. Flick

49. Half of a German city?

50. Operation memento

51. Additionally

52. Risky transactions

53. Large knife

54. Neglect

55. Manufactured

56. Greek deity

58. Science student’s milieu

59. Foamy liquid

61. Heavyweight

Solution on page B5

The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE** Organic, fresh, local and available at Eureka Natural Foods, Murphy's Markets, the North Coast Co-op and Wildberries!

Yana

First up this week is the shelter's annual Holiday Open House this Saturday! The shelter will be open Dec. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. for shelter tours, refreshments and a huge selection of goods and services in the Dutch raffles and silent auction. There are gift baskets of pet goodies, food and wine, artwork ranging from photographs to Art Deco sculptures, jewelry, gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses, handmade clothing and woodwork and so much more!

The proceeds from the event benefit the shelter's Emergency Medical Fund run by Friends for Life Animal Rescue. This fund provides veterinary assistance for cats and dogs with injuries and illnesses, allowing many wonderful animals to be brought back to health and given a second chance at a good life.

All dogs great and small

Drop in for some raffle tickets and a cookie; you might even meet your next furry friend! The shelter is located at 980 Lycoming Ave., near the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in McKinleyville.

Little Miss Nyla will be waiting to meet people at the Open House (unless she is adopted before then). She is a lively little senior Miniature Pinscher. At 8 years old, she has many good years ahead of her.

The MinPin website describes the breed as "outgoing, playful, energetic, friendly, clever, responsive" and that describes this dog well. She came in with a younger male Rat Terrier who has been adopted. I'm sure that is leaving her a bit confused about where her buddy went, but she is ready to make new friends, human or canine.

Little Nyla plays fetch, is good on the leash and knows some commands. She is not ready to hang up her leash for lap dog status, but does not object to being picked up and cuddled.

Nyla is spayed, microchipped and current on her vaccinations. She is available at the shelter; call (707) 840-9132 for more information.

Redwood Pals has a beautiful big dog available in the lovely Yana. Yana was brought to the shelter by people who claimed to have found her but staff thinks they were abandoning her. Yes, there are safeguards in place

DOG TOWN Mara Segal

to keep people from doing that but sometimes they still slip by ... I just can't believe that people do this; it is so sad.

Yana has a microchip, but it references a number that isn't even from this country, so the trail ends there. She is listed at the shelter as an Australian Shepherd mix, but once again, her real background is a mystery. Great Pyrenees? Russian Shepherd dog?

She has long smooth hair and big soulful eyes. We have found her to be affectionate and gentle. She is fine with other dogs, avoiding the ones that bark at her as she goes by, and politely meeting the ones that are not threatening to her. She is a real catch and someone will be lucky to take this one into their heart and give her a home where she can stay forever.

Nyla

To meet Yana, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707)839-9692.

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WINTER CERAMICS SALE College of the Redwoods Clay Club host its winter ceramics sale **today, Dec. 7** and **Thursday, Dec. 8** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Administration Building lobby of the CR Eureka main campus. The sale will feature work made by CR students and professors. Proceeds from the sale go directly to student artists and to the Clay Club, which supports special projects in the Art Department such as visiting artists and student field trips. Find utilitarian pottery, sculptural objects, raku vessels, wood-fired wares, jewelry and more! (707) 476-4559

McKINLEYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER GALA Shop for art handmade by McKinleyville Middle School Entrepreneurial Art students **Thursday, Dec. 8** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave. Students will be selling handmade pottery including vases, platters, bowls, mugs and more. There will also be a silent auction with work by local artists and gift baskets from local businesses. The school band performs a winter concert at 6:30 p.m. There will be free art activities for families, a photo booth and more!

HOLIDAY STUDIO SALE Thimbleberry Threads invites you to their eighth annual Holiday Studio Sale **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4460 Dows Prairie Rd., McKinleyville. Featured artists are Beth Kabat with original designs handprinted on pillows, market bags, wall hangings and T-shirts; Linda Parkinson showing wildlife watercolors, originals, prints and cards; Robin Friedman with dichroic fused glass jewelry, mosaics and home decor. Rounding out the mix is a display and samples of Diane’s Sweet Heat habañero jams and Elaine Benjamin’s Blue Chair Press tool shirts. Plus, a free holiday gift raffle and refreshments. (707) 839-3831

HSSA HOLIDAY TEA The Historical Sites Society of Arcata holds its annual Holiday

Tea and Tour **Sunday, Dec. 11** from 2 to 4 p.m. at Phillips House Museum, Seventh and Union streets, Arcata. Attendees will enjoy refreshments, Claudia Israel’s mug collection and holiday cheer. arcatahistory.org

INTELLIGENT DESIGN Perspectives on intelligent design theory will be explored at Lifetree Café **Sunday, Dec. 11** at 7 p.m. The program, titled, “In the Beginning ... An Atheist Professor Considers Intelligent Design,” features a filmed interview with Dr. Bradley Monton, a former philosophy of physics professor and self-professed atheist. Dr. Monton’s controversial view on the plausibility of intelligent design has brought criticism from the academic and atheist communities. During the program, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the plausibility of several intelligent design theories. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with coffee and snacks, located at Campbell Creek Connexion, corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919

PLAY CENTER POP-UP SHOP Trying to do some holiday shopping but just can’t find the time? Arcata Play Center’s Holiday Pop-Up Shop at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata, **Wednesday, Dec. 14** from 10 a.m. to noon, is a great opportunity to support local entrepreneurs and check items off your list while your kids play. This fundraising event for the Arcata Play Center features talented crafters The Lovely Muse, Young Loving Essential Oils with Joni Murphy, Toad Art Co., LulaRoe with Valerie Boyer, Cheerful Designs by Rene Giggs, Tye Dye Babies and Sacred Scents Jewelry, Juliana Dean Photography and more. The City of Arcata Recreation Division, with funding from First 5 Humboldt, offers Arcata Play Center, a safe and comfortable place for families to meet, share and play every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (707) 822-7091, cityofarcata.org/rec



CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP The United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave. in McKinleyville, presents its annual Children’s Holiday Gift Making Workshop **Saturday, Dec. 10** from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All children are invited to make low-cost gifts as an alternative to shopping. The wide array of crafts this year includes wooden birdhouses, fleece hats and scarves, pine cone trees, cookie mix jars, chocolate, mosaic paintings, paint roller penguins, applesauce ornaments, marshmallow reindeer, decorated candles, scrabble word magnets and hot chocolate cones. Projects range in price from 50 cents to \$2.50; the charge helps offset the cost of materials. The event is not a fundraiser, but a gift from the church to the community. Above, Evelyn Wiebe-Anderson helps children glue decorations around mirrors at last year’s event. Santa Claus will be there to talk to children and pose for pictures – bring your camera. Food and baked goods are on sale too. (707) 839-5691 SUBMITTED PHOTO

Free mental illness class for families

NAMI HUMBOLDT
EUREKA – NAMI Humboldt (National Alliance on Mental Illness) announces a free 12-week evening course starting Jan. 17 in Eureka. The weekly class, which has been offered locally for over 10 years and has served hundreds of people, teaches family members how to understand mental illness and how to support their loved ones while maintaining their own well-being.

The class offers information, self-care, communication skills and emotional support. More details about the class and NAMI-Humboldt can be found at nami-humboldt.org.

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI Humboldt also offers weekly drop-in support groups in Eureka and twice monthly groups in Fortuna.

There is no cost for the classes or materials, though a commitment to the complete course is appreciated. Teachers are specially-trained volunteers who also

have loved ones living with serious mental health issues.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Angela Winogradov at (707) 498-1258.

Trinidad | Remember

❖ **FROM B4**
and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust’s Simmons Gallery will be open from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese Imperial planes bombed the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor near Honolulu and Japan declared war on the United States, igniting World War II. Today, we are friends with Japan, Germany, and Italy, a fine thing to remember too.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Zepparella | Solid, classic metal

❖ **FROM B3**
didn’t bother with the tedious warhorse bane-of-guitar-shops, “Stairway to Heaven.”

There are other all-woman Zep tribute bands you can see on YouTube, each with a different flavor. Lez Zeppelin seems the loosest and ziestiest; I’d like to see

them. Lady Zep seems pretty good, maybe a little less slick than Zepparella. They’re not to be confused with Lady Zeppelin, which at one time featured the insanely talented Lucrecia Lopez Sanz. Check out her sick versions of “Rock and Roll” with her current band, Nube 9.

So, was Zepparella cos-

mically mind-blowing? No, though lots of people up front near the stage were clearly enjoying near-religious epiphanies.

What is was though, was solid, classic metal that by now is part of your DNA, songs that will always remain the same as long as the Zepparellas of the world keep rocking and rambling on.

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SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) FL160838

Petitioner’s Name: Roy Sandbank
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Claudia Canha
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. (Page 1 of 2) You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp/), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE-RESTRaining ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them. **FEE WAIVER:** If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. 1. The name and address of the court are Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt 825 Fifth St. Eureka, CA 95501 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: Roy Sandbank 1805 4th St. Eureka, CA 95501 Date: NOV 16 2016 KIM M. BARTLESON Clerk, by KATRINA W. Deputy (Page 2 of 2) **STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS Starting immediately,**

you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court; 2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children; 3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; or 4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affect the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the

changed must be filed and served on the other party.

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WARNING-IMPORTANT INFORMATION California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed

to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language of the deed that characterizes how titled is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property. 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLENNIS MARIE SHORT
CASE NO.: PR160337
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GLENNIS MARIE SHORT
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUDITH JUANITY SISSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JUDITH JUANITY SISSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests

authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**
Date: December 29, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 3
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of

the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: TIFFANY LOPEZ GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

TRINIDAD STATE BEACH WORKDAY California State Parks invites the public to a restoration workday at Trinidad State Beach **Saturday, Dec. 10** from 9 a.m. to noon. The work involves the removal of invasive, non-native plants such as English ivy, a moderate activity. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walk-

ing off-trail. Gloves and tools are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Work locations are less than a half-mile hike from the meeting location. For more information, contact Michelle Forsy at (707) 677-3109 or Michelle.Forsy@parks.ca.gov.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arca-

ta Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 10** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Katy Allen at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359


MARSH CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1. The center will be open Monday, Dec. 26 from noon to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, Dec. to 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On all other days, the center will be open during its normal business hours. (707) 822-8184

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